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Friday afternoon fire consumes car

by Matthew Sittler

Minden resident Dan Garbutt stared blankly as he watched his wife's 1990 Chevrolet Corsica go up in flames. He had just stepped inside his family's home located near the corner of Bobcaygeon and Scotch Line Roads after preparing to give the auto a boost, but returned to see black smoke rising from behind the barn's rooftops at the back of the property. The dismayed husband believed the fire started shortly after he had gone inside - around 2 pm on Friday, December 29.

Garbutt said there was no prior indication anything was wrong that could have caused the vehicle-destroying blaze. After attempting to put it out himself, he gave up because of faulty flame-dousing equipment and called the emergency services. "Lot of good this thing did," he grunted as he kicked an apparently-useless red fire extinguisher across his snow-covered driveway. Within 15 minutes of notification, the Minden Fire Department arrived and took control of the situation, extinguishing the sometimes - 25 foot high flames with water. There was no exact cause for the blaze given at the time, although Dan's wife, Hannah Garbutt told *The Times* that her car's heater had cut-out on her the day before. The fire completely gutted the vehicle.



Automotive Blaze

photo by Matthew Sittler

Minden resident Hannah Garbutt's 1990 Chevrolet Corsica went up in flames Friday afternoon. The cause of the blaze is unknown at this time.

Directions to new Minden Hospital unclear

What if you don't know where Deep Bay Road is?

by Jerry Grozelle

What if you needed the hospital services in Minden at 2 a.m. and don't know where Deep Bay Road is?

That interesting question was posed by a woman who brought her granddaughter to Minden for emer-

gency medical treatment recently.

Marjaana Young, who works in Toronto and has a house in Gelert, and her daughter Tanja Hare took Hare's four year-old daughter Talos Velasco to the old Minden hospital with respiratory problems.

"I wasn't aware that they had moved to the new building," Young said. "The sign just said the new hospital was located on Deep Bay Road."

Young said she knows where Deep Bay Road is, but she was concerned that there were no signs directing those in need of emergency services to the new facility. The only directions are on a sign installed over a window at the front of the old hospital, which states that moving day was December 12 and that the emergency service is at the Hyland Crest site (on Deep Bay Road). There are no signs indicating which way Hyland Crest is from the old hospital, for anyone who may be unfamiliar with the area. A person coming from Kinmount or Norland, who may not be familiar with the Minden area street names, could lose valuable time in a serious emergency looking for directions to the new hospital.

On a positive note, Young said the service the child received was "very impressive." She was also

thankful that the doctor and nurse took the time to explain the girl's condition to the adults, which Young said is much better service than they have received in much bigger hospitals.

The Times was unable to reach Foster Loucks, CAO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services. Doug Campbell, a member of the Health Services Board, said the concern about adequate signage has been discussed more than once and he doesn't understand why nothing has been done.

"All it would take is one more line on the sign," Campbell said. He pointed out that the new hospital is using the same telephone number as the old facility, but he noted that the telephone number isn't listed on the sign either.

Minden Hills Reeve-elect Ross Rigney said he would contact Loucks as soon as possible to get the situation corrected.

"I assumed they had done it (directions to the new site) in a professional manner," Rigney said. "It should be well signed."

Rigney expressed the concern that someone's life could be endangered by the lack of adequate directions to the new hospital from the old site.

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The 12 Days of Christmas Food Drive succeeded once again in providing needy families with food provisions over the Christmas season. Food items were donated by students at Haliburton's Highschool and then dispersed between the Minden, Haliburton and Cardiff Food Banks. It was the second annual food drive for the school, said Chairperson for the Minden Food Bank Barb Walford Davis. "It's a way for the students to participate and help the community," she said.

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Dwain Wruth honoured for 22 years' service

by Matthew Sittler

22 'tremendously enjoyable' years of service to Snowdon Township was commemorated last Friday at the Snowdon Township Offices. Reeve Ross Rigney presented a specially-engraved clock with a warm handshake of gratitude, to longtime Snowdon Township councillor Dwain Wruth. "He is a major presence here," said Rigney of Wruth. "This is his township," he added noting there is probably not a piece of property, road or area of land in Snowdon with which Wruth is not extremely familiar. "He has a great knowledge of the area," Rigney continued. "and he is a true farmer."

Wruth served for 22 years as a Snowdon Councillor including 18 as Deputy Reeve.

"We've been fortunate to have excellent councils and exceptional staff," commented Wruth, remembering days of council-past. "There have never been any personalities involved-You could always get up from the table after arguing sometimes and always shake hands."

A resident of Snowdon since 1973, Wruth's ancestors first settled there in 1870, making him a fifth generation farmer.

"We're going to continue to use him," added Rigney. "This is for his excellent service."

Thanks for a job well done

Snowdon Reeve Ross Rigney grips Dwain Wruth's hand in a congratulatory shake for the 22 indispensable years of service he has given to the Township of Snowdon.



Minden toddler wins survey prize draw

Two year-old Sarah Shorey of Minden got an early Christmas present. Last February, Sarah's mom Cindy filled out a survey of her child's speech and language development. As a follow-up, she received a telephone call from a communicative disorders assistant with the Preschool Speech and Language Phone Line, as well as receiving information about her child's language skills. Cindy and Sarah's names were entered into a year-end draw for prizes.

As a result, Sarah has won a gift certificate donated by Master's Bookstore in Haliburton. This year, more than 525 people called the Preschool Speech and Language Phone Line at 1-800-416-3260 to complete a survey on their child's Language development and have the results assessed. Serving the counties of Victoria, Haliburton, Northumberland and Peterborough, the Preschool Speech and Language

Phone Line provides parents with an opportunity for early identification of any potential problems with their child's speech and language development so that the extra support can be received.

"It's really important that a child's speech and language delay be identified as early as possible," says Jennifer Wasmund Merry, Communicative Disorders Assistant and Access Co-ordinator of the Preschool Speech and Language Phone Line. "Sometimes people wait and think that their child will grow out of the problem or that it will disappear when they go to school. Catching these delays early will better prepare a child for school and learning and increase their opportunity for academic success."

As well as calling the Phone Line at 1-800-416-3260, parents of children aged 12 to 24 months can also complete an on-line survey of their child's

speech and language development at the web site at www.kidtalk.on.ca. The web site also offers a colouring book for children that can be downloaded, information on parent workshops, and resources. Parents interested in having their child's speech skills checked are encouraged to contact the phone line or visit this web site.

For more information, contact: Jennifer Wasmund Merry, Communicative Disorders Assistant, Access Co-ordinator, Preschool Speech and Language Phone Line at 1-800-416-3260.

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The Minden Santa Claus Parade wouldn't be complete without recognizing the exciting, winning floats who entertained the large crowd of onlookers along Minden's main street. The winning floats were awarded their trophies and placements by Lions Club representative Ted Preston. They are as follows: (at right) The Ingram Wessel Float received first place for their entry, (below) The Bed and Breakfast Float award was accepted by Wild Swan B&B Co-owner Paul Baynton, Best Snowmobile Association Float award was presented to Peter Overington, and (bottom) the Haliburton County Fair float award was accepted by Sue Eskelin & Co.



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Radio tower erected in Minden

By Matthew Sittler

A clear-communication radio tower was being erected on Scotch Line Road East, over four days last week in Minden. Once fully in place, the 250 foot-high tower, which was built by the company Net Com out of Cambridge, will service pagers and the local fire departments. "It will cover a lot of the

area," said tower erector Ron Schindler, from the building site last Friday morning.

Workers had to climb the tall tower as it was built. "It will service two-way radio and pagers mostly," said Schindler of the tower he erected for NetCom through his own tower erecting company, which bears his name.

Loud and clear

While you were sipping egg nog and trying on new warm clothes, Radio tower erector Ron Schindler and his crew were busy installing a new radio tower in the freezing cold during four days last week. The tower will supply local fire departments with two-way radio contact and will also serve paging devices in the area. Built by the company NetCom, the tower is 250 feet in height and is located on Scotch Line Road near the landfill site.



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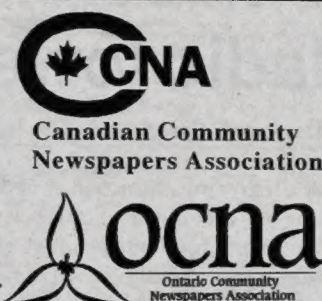
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Better directions needed

Editorial

Sometimes it takes someone looking from a different perspective to provoke some thought or initiate changes that need to be made but may have been overlooked from the local resident's point of view.

A woman called The Times last week offering a perspective, regarding directions from the old Minden Hospital to the new one, that those of us who live here have overlooked.

Most of us who live in and around Minden are aware of various landmarks and the names of the streets we use to get to and from our homes to work, shopping and recreational activities. Familiarity with our surroundings has its comfort level.

Imagine someone who isn't familiar with our community coming to Minden from a cottage or home in the area to shop, take in some entertainment, dine out, partake in some recrea-

tional activity or just enjoy the Minden atmosphere. If that someone has any problem finding the desired destination, all that is required is to stop almost anyone on the street and ask for directions. Problem solved.

Imagine, from a different perspective, that same someone making a frantic trip to Minden to bring a loved-one to the hospital for emergency treatment.

That person may be familiar with the old hospital, but not familiar enough with the area to know that the new hospital is now open at the Hyland Crest site. If that person doesn't know where Hyland Crest is, or how to get to the Deep Bay Road, valuable time could be lost trying to find the new hospital.

Medical emergencies are not limited to business hours and if

someone is bringing a friend or family member to the hospital with chest pains at 2 a.m., the likelihood of finding directions on the street in Minden are slim to none.

A sign on the window of the old hospital directs people to the new facility at Hyland Crest on the Deep Bay Road. To someone unfamiliar with Minden's landmarks or street names, that information is practically useless.

More detailed directions from the old hospital to the new one are much more than a courtesy, they could mean the difference between life and death.

The small blue signs with the reflective "H" are an effective means of directing people to hospitals in other communities. Maybe we should consider installing them at key locations in Minden as well.

jg

Letters

A little tribute to May Hicks

Mrs. May Hicks, you have touched our lives in a variety of good ways, particularly through your kind and generous concerns for others.

Knowing that you have experienced a full life of joys and tribulations and that leaving us had to be, still we are sorry to see you go.

Thank you, May, for your help both near and far.

Certainly your yearly involvement with H.A.V.E.'s Walk for Water, especially through walking, providing sandwiches and donating money, will remain a precious memory. You were indeed a tremendous inspiration to other H.A.V.E. participants as well as to the thousands of needy villagers whom you assisted in getting safe drinking water.

On more than one occasion, when visiting village drilled well sites in

India, I have personally informed the villagers about our annual walks and have shown them your photo in the walk along with the other walkers. Due largely to such an image, the villagers in the Nabarangpur District of Orissa state have been having, for several years, their own yearly walks to help fund the activities of their Rural Community Health Centre.

With honour and affection, Mrs. May Hicks has endeared herself both locally and beyond (in India). May is most deserving of the finest tribute available. Her many acts of service to others are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Gerry Feltham
H.A.V.E. Representative

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Demise of the name Victoria County

Editor:

A way of governing a small rural area has passed into history in the County of Victoria.

I felt sad as I witnessed the end of an era at the Laxton, Digby and Longford Council meeting the evening of December 19, 2000. This last meeting saw more than the usual attendees to witness the final twitch of something that had been born back in the 1860's.

The meeting was graced by outgoing council members along with the incoming C.E.O. and northern members of the new City of Kawartha Lakes. The normal staff, Fire Chief, and myself the 'token public member', were supplemented by partners of the C.E.O., Reeve and Councillors.

The agenda was made up of items that will be outstanding and will involve the new Councillors' elect.

As meetings go, it was kind of non-descript. I would rate it a six on the zero to ten scale. Gone were the flashes of anger and resentment often displayed and in its place were the congenialities of the season. I

suspect this attitude could have, and would have, resulted in many more things being accomplished over the life of the outgoing council had it been adopted three years ago.

Since we cannot turn the clock back, we will have to move forward and put our trust in the new elected officials. Their job, over the next three years, will not be an easy one. They have to sort out the recommendation of the Transition Board and apply the content to the new city. Their task is ominous, their salary some what less than the job they are tasked with. I wish them all the best and only the history books will be able to comment on, 'the good or the bad of,' the demise of the name Victoria County and its restructuring.

Democracy and the freedom of choice have elected the new members. Welcome to the new Millennium and the new municipality.

Warren Grant,
Norland.



Winter's paintbrush

Photo by Matthew Sittler

Please: bear with us

The bear - a big, skinny cub, really - was exhausted. It had been chased by the dogs for a whole, hot, miserable Mississippi afternoon, ending up trapped in a muddy waterhole, hounds on all sides of it, snarling and snapping. One of the hunters galloped up, dismounted, leapt into the waterhole and clubbed the bear senseless with his rifle butt.

The bear, alive but stunned, was hauled out and lashed to a tree just as the rest of the hunting party arrived on horseback. "There's your bear, Mister President" brayed the Great White Hunter who had clubbed it. "Go ahead - shoot 'im."

The year was 1902 and the man he was talking to was Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President of the United States. Roosevelt was an avid, even fanatical, hunter but he had his limits. A groggy, half-starved bear cub tied to a tree with ropes?

That's where he drew the line. The president refused to shoot the bear. He also refused to let anyone else shoot it. It turned out to be the best public relations decision Theodore Roosevelt ever made. A sketch artist for the Washington Post had accompanied the hunting party and decided to immortalize the moment in a cartoon entitled "Drawing The Line in Mississippi".

For some reason, the cartoon caught

the public's fancy. And not just in The Excited States of America — it went around the world and made Roosevelt famous as 'a man of humanitarian principle'. It also gave birth to a children's fad that is as popular today as it was a century ago — stuffed bears.

Our parents had them. You and I had them. Our kids have them. And we call them 'Teddy' bears because of that loveable old bear-sparer 'Teddy' Roosevelt.

It's an odd coincidence, but just 12 years after the Mississippi encounter, a Canadian bear was about to step onto the world stage. The year was 1914, and a troop train had stopped in White River, Ontario to take on water. A Canadian army lieutenant by the name of Harry Colebourn stepped off the train to stretch his legs. Down the platform he saw a grizzled old trapper with a bundle of black fur in his arms. "What's that?" he asked. The trapper held it out and said "It's yours for twenty dollars."

It was a tiny black bear cub. Lieutenant Colebourn bought the bear cub, dubbed it 'Winnipeg' after his home town, smuggled it aboard the train, and later aboard the steamer that took the Second Canadian Infantry Brigade to England.

The bear became the brigade mas-

cot. He also grew rather sleek and fat from an excess of army rations. When Lieutenant Colebourn got his marching orders to the French front, he left Winnipeg in the care of the London Zoo.

By now the bear's name had been shorted to Winnie. And it was at the London Zoo that a British writer by the name of A.A. Milne and his young son Christopher first saw Winnie.

Christopher loved the bear — so much so that his father began writing bear stories to entertain his son. Those stories would soon become famous in dozens of languages around the world as The Tales of Winnie The Pooh.

Winnie was back in the news recently when a painting of Pooh bear by the original illustrator of the books, sold at auction at Sotheby's for \$243,000. Quite an auspicious run for the little orphan bear cub from White River, Ontario. More auspicious than the Mississippi bear that President Roosevelt so magnanimously decline to shoot back in 1902. Actually Roosevelt wasn't quite the humanitarian he came to be portrayed as.

True, he didn't shoot the bear tied to the tree. He walked away, muttering to an aide "Put it out of its misery". Which the aide did. With a hunting knife. The Washington Post cartoonist didn't draw that part of the story.

Etcetera

Arthur Black

OPP holiday RIDE campaign statistics

The Provincial Traffic and Marine Safety Section of the Ontario Provincial Police released statistics for the fourth week of the festive season's driving initiative, for all OPP jurisdictions in the Province. During the fourth week of the five-week RIDE campaign, which runs until January 2, 2001, a total of 96,090 vehicles were stopped at roadside checkpoints. A total of 141 12-hour licence suspensions were issued and 80 persons were charged with alcohol-related Criminal Code offences. Officers issued 75 Administrative Drivers Licence Suspensions.

For the first four weeks of the RIDE

campaign, a total of 376,650 vehicles have been checked compared to 451,604 in the same period of 1999.

Persons charged with impaired driving offences for the same four weeks have decreased from 432 in 1999 to 394 in 2000.

A total of 758 12-hour suspensions have been issued so far in the 2000 campaign compared to 922 in 1999.

Fatal and personal injury collisions continue to be down from the same four-week period in 1999.

This year to date, 36 people have died in collisions compared to 46 in 1999. Unfortunately, eight of these

lives were lost in alcohol related crashes.

The OPP wishes all residents of Ontario a safe and prosperous new year and reminds motorists to make alternate driving arrangements if they intend to consume alcohol. Consider a designated driver, taxi or public transit for your trip home. The life you save may be your own - don't drink and drive!



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John O'Reilly assumes new responsibilities

John O'Reilly, Member of Parliament for Haliburton-Victoria-Brock, has some new responsibilities. He has been appointed by the Prime Minister to serve as the Parliamentary Secretary for National Defence, effective immediately.

O'Reilly has been on the Defence and Veteran's Affairs Committee since 1993 and was part of the group that produced the 'Quality of Life' report that changed the structure of the Canadian Armed Forces with improved pay and benefits, better equipment and improved housing allowances.

"I have helped monitor the recommendations with over 60 per cent of the 87 recommendations acted on and the rest are in the process of being studied, before being implemented," O'Reilly said.

The role of the Parliamentary Secretary is to fill in for the Minister in the House of Commons at Question Period and other events, both in Canada and other countries in which Canada has members of the military serving.

"I look forward to the new challenge to act as assistant to the Minister of Defence as I will be able to continue with the improvements that are required to maintain an effective military

for Canada," O'Reilly said. "My goal serving on the committee was to ensure sufficient equipment, training and pay for the military and I will be able to continue in that direction."



John O'Reilly, Parliamentary Secretary for National Defence

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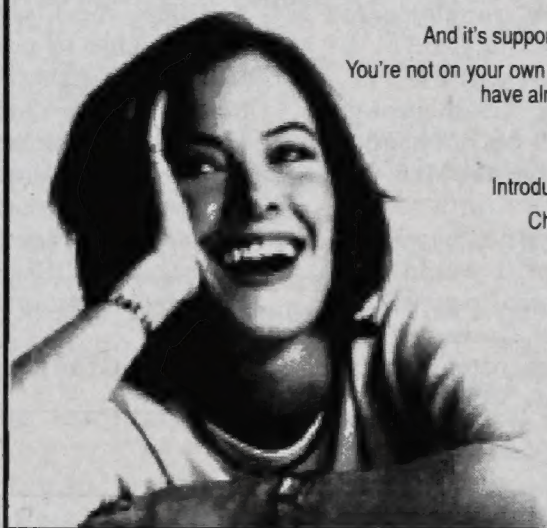
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Sports

J.O. Jackson Memorial Bonspiel

Ladies' Hockey
Any ladies interested in forming a fun, non-competitive hockey team in Minden, please call Maureen at 286-3596 after 6 p.m.

Ted Wilkes rink wins top honours



TOP TEAM: The overall winners of the J.O. Jackson Memorial Bonspiel were presented with their trophies by Jean and Mike Jackson. Seen above, left to right, are the winning team and trophy presenters: Skip Ted Wilkes, vice Dave McKay, Mike Jackson, Jean Jackson, Second Jack Taylor and lead Jim Burrows.



SECOND PLACE, FIRST DRAW: Ross Bryant, right, skipped his team to second place in the first draw. The rink included Mike Jackson, left, and Ross Petch. Jeff Greer was unavailable for the photo.



SECOND PLACE SECOND DRAW: Skip Ian Cavanagh, lead Wilf Wityshyn, second Ryan Cole and vice Doug Brown (right to left) placed second in the second draw of the J.O. Jackson Memorial Bonspiel.

Twelve teams took to the ice of the Minden Curling Club on Wednesday, December 27 to compete for the J.O. Jackson Memorial Trophy.

When the last rock was thrown, the rink skipped by Ted Wilkes took top honours. The Wilkes team included vice Dave McKay, second Jack Taylor and lead Jim Burrows. The Wilkes rink was also the first place team in the first draw.

First place in the second draw went to skip Alf Trotter, vice Bob Pollard, second Tim Wright and lead Keith Fountain.

Second place in the first draw went to the team of skip Ross Bryant, vice Ross Petch, second Mike Jackson and lead Jeff Greer.

Second place in the second draw was won by skip Ian Cavanaugh, vice Doug Brown, second Ryan Cole and lead Wilf Wityshyn.

Third place in the first draw went to the team of skip Mike Whitmarsh, vice John E. Thomas, second Tim Verrier and lead Larry Moynes.

The third place team of the second draw was skip

Gord Wood, vice Trevor Cole, second Lawrence Loughheed and lead Ed Cyr.

The bonspiel is in honour of the late J.O. Jackson. His wife Jean and son Mike were on hand to present the individual trophies and plaque to the winning team.



FIRST PLACE SECOND DRAW: Alf Trotter, right, skipped his team to first place in the second draw. His rink included vice Bob Pollard, left, second Tim Wright and lead Keith Fountain.



THIRD PLACE, FIRST DRAW: Skip Mike Whitmarsh, vice John E. Thomas, second Tim Verrier and lead Larry Moynes (left to right) placed third in the first draw.



THIRD PLACE, SECOND DRAW: Skip Gord Wood, vice Trevor Cole, second Lawrence Loughheed and lead Ed Cyr (right to left) took third in the second draw

ASES well represented by volleyball teams

by Julie Snell - ASES Press Club member

The three volleyball teams from A.S.E.S. competed in Coboconk, Dunsford, and Fenelon Falls on December 7. All teams represented our school with pride. Each team played the game of volleyball in a competent manner.

The grade 7 and 8 girls, coached by Mr. LaPierre, travelled to Ridgewood Public School in Coboconk. They were very enthusiastic and won one of their four games. In fact, the girls were so enthusiastic about cheering for the other teams by the last game, that people in the audience began cheering with them.

The grade 7 and 8 boys, coached by Mr. Holness, travelled to Dunsford Public School in Dunsford. The boys won one of their four games, but all of their games were very close on the scoreboard.

The grade 5 and 6 mixed team, coached by Mrs. Clarke, travelled to Fenelon Falls. The team won three of its nine games.

Way to go A.S.E.S. athletes!

Walleye and lake trout creel census on Kashag chain

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources, will be conducting a walleye and lake trout creel census on Grass Lake and Kashagawigamog Lake from January 3, 2001 to March 31, 2001.

The census takers will be asking anglers questions, taking fish measurements and collecting scale samples.

The Ministry of Natural Resources, by collecting this data today, will be better able to manage the existing fisheries in the chain of lakes for future generations.

This census will not only benefit fishing opportunities but will also enhance our local economy through the contracting of local residents to do the work.

Anglers are asked to get involved and get informed.

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Sprints set for January 6

The Haliburton Sprints are coming to town Saturday, January 6 at 10 a.m. at Glebe Park. These races are something new in skiing: short distances and heats. It's fast, fun and furious. It is also an event to look forward to at the 2002 Olympics. Furthermore, Beckie Scott, our best Canadian national team skier, has been doing well in sprint events recently, so we can look forward seeing more of these events soon.

You'll see graduates of the Haliburton Ski Club's Jackrabbit program at the races this year and the new Jackrabbit program will start on Saturday, January 6 at 1:30 at Glebe Park. Please come a bit early if you haven't registered yet. The program has blossomed into the second largest in the province, and it shows no sign of letting up. It's fun and if it were any cheaper you'd be getting paid to bring your kids out to learn to ski. Questions? Call Jane Heyes at 457-1465 for details.

The snow's great, the glide's good, everything is magic in the woods. On these fine cold days of skiing it seems like the trails were dropped here by magic just for us. Great snow helps, but history helps too. Every time we ski we are skiing on the years of effort put into the trails by predecessors.

The other day I was skiing the (it's fair to say) historic Jim Beef Trail, and one old-timer I was with pointed to a sign and said, "I put that sign up in 1978. It's one of the few the porcupines haven't eaten."

If you haven't skied this trail recently, then make a plan to ski it before the end of the season. It's a great ski, full of challenge and the unexpected. Today, for example, I noticed the remains of an unlucky grouse who was caught by a fox in the middle of the trail. Keep your eyes peeled and you never know what you may see.

Skiers can thank Dr. Brenda Derjanecz who restored access to the trail after recent logging. She and her late husband Dr. John Derjanecz supported the goal of the ski club for many years: making the beauty of the highlands accessible to everyone through skiing. Credit should also go to our trail manager Wes Lytle for the excellent grooming.

If you are not currently a ski club member, then you're missing out on a whole lot of fun and the best deal on skiing in the free world. A season pass is a ludicrously cheap \$60, or \$110 for the whole family. Call 448-3954 for more information from Pat Cummings, our friendly membership secretary.

Nordic Notes

by Blake Paton

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LADIES' PLAYOFF CHAMPIONS: Skip Pat Woodcroft, vice MJ Irwin, second Gail Kivela and lead Sue Wright, left to right, won the Monday Night Ladies' playoff championship to capture the John E. Francis Fuels Trophy. The Woodcroft team defeated Sandy Cole's rink in the final.



MEN'S PLAYOFF CHAMPS: The playoff champions of the Men's first schedule earned the Minden Home Hardware Trophy. Skip Alf Trotter, vice Ross Bryant, second Keith Fountain and lead Al Aubry, left to right, claimed the hardware. Trotter's team defeated the Dwight Thomas rink in the final.

MEN'S CHAMPS: The championship team of the Men's first schedule captured the Bill Roodenburg Trophy. Roodenburg presented the trophy to skip Ted Wilkes, vice Dave McKay, second Jack Taylor and lead Jim Burrows, left to right.



LADIES CHAMPS: The champions of the Monday Evening Ladies Curling League were presented with the Alex Kernohan Trophy for their effort. Sharon Kernohan presented the trophy to the winning rink, which included, left to right: Skip Melanie Vigrass, vice Jenn Minto and second Teresa Verrier. Lead Peggy Cassils was unavailable for the photo.

League and schedule champions decided in Minden Curling Club Playoffs



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Snowblowers popular with thieves

Break enter and thefts

The OPP investigated a break and enter at a residence located on Highway 121 in Haliburton. It's unknown what items if any were taken as a result of the incident on December 25.

The OPP investigated a break and enter at a cottage on Moose Lake Road in Harburn Township. A small quantity of alcohol was taken. The incident occurred December 26.

A break and enter at a residence in Dysart Township was investigated by the OPP. A chainsaw and two toolboxes were stolen December 27.

Break and enter at Prentice Power Sports

A break and enter at Prentice Power Sports Store located on Highway 35 south of Minden was investigated by the OPP. Someone forced the south gate open using a vehicle, the store was broken into and 10 to 12 snowmobile suits were stolen. The suits are described as red with black and yellow on them with the Ski-Doo logo located on the sleeve. Total value of the stolen items is estimated at \$6,000. Anyone with any information is asked to contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-563-8477.

Theft of Snowblowers

With all the snow we've had over the past couple of weeks, snowblowers have become a popular target of thieves.

The OPP investigated the break and

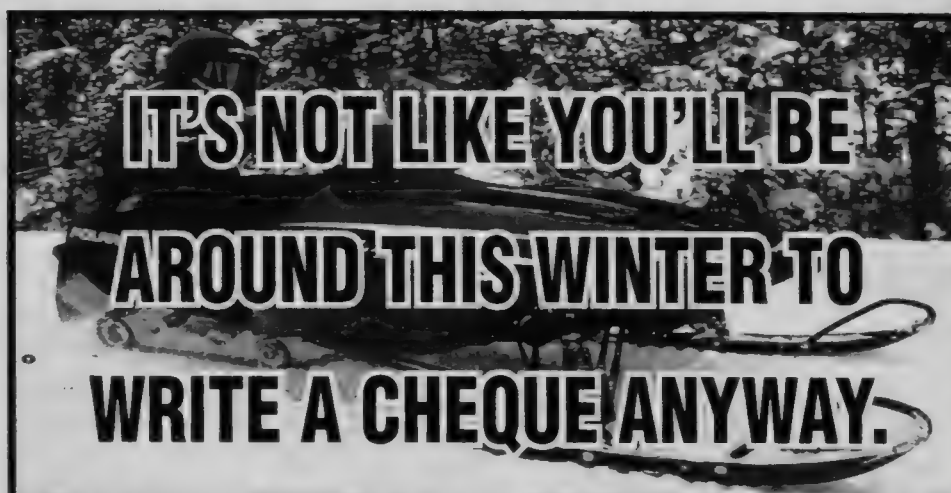
enter theft of a snowblower from a residence located on Concession #3 in Glamorgan Township. The 1987 red and black Toro self-propelled snowblower had been parked in an open ended temporary carport. The tracks indicated that it had been pushed for some distance before being loaded into a vehicle. The owner advised that at 8:30 a.m. he saw a male wearing a green ball cap, and a red and black bush shirt walking past his residence towards the ploughed road. The owner also said he saw a gray Dodge pickup truck. After the truck had left, the owner noticed his snow blower missing.

Another snowblower was reported stolen from a residence located on Highway 648 near the Essonville Line in Wilberforce. The investigation revealed that the red and black 1995 Norma Dyna Trac 8hp electric start, 28" cut snowblower had been taken sometime throughout the night of December 23. It had been parked in front of the house. Footprints and tiretracks were observed at the scene.

Attempted theft at Ridgewood Ford

The OPP investigated an attempted theft at the Ridgewood Ford dealership located on Highway 35 in Minden. The investigation revealed that sometime overnight someone attempted to steal a 2000 Ford F250 Super Duty extended

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Feds extend transfer fee waiver and amnesty

Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada Anne McLellan announced that the \$25 firearms transfer fee waiver and the amnesty for prohibited handguns and unregistered restricted firearms will both be extended to June 30, 2001.

"These extensions are in response to the concerns of firearm owners who have told us that an extension will give those in possession of prohibited firearms or unregistered restricted firearms more time to take appropriate action. Our goal is to work with firearm users while ensuring public safety," said Minister McLellan.

The transfer fee waiver began in June as a result of consultations with the firearms community. This waiver does not apply to transfers that took place before June 10, 2000.

The extension of the amnesty, which began December 1, 1998, gives people until June 30, 2001 to dispose of certain prohibited handguns that they cannot legally keep.

In February 1995, the Government announced its intention to ban certain handguns, often called "Saturday night specials". This includes handguns with a barrel length of 105 mm or less and those that discharge .25 and .32 calibre ammunition, except for a few specific ones used in International Shooting Union competitions. The Government made this decision because these easily concealable weapons threaten public safety.

An individual can keep a prohibited handgun only if both they and the handgun have "grandfathered" status.

People who had already purchased these prohibited firearms by February 14, 1995 were able to take advantage of the "grandfathering" clause. This means that they can keep their handgun and trade among those with the same "grandfathered" privileges.

Individuals who came into possession of "grandfathered" handguns (e.g. as part of an estate), but are not themselves "grandfathered", can sell them to a "grandfathered" owner.

Persons and dealers who have these firearms but who have not been "grandfathered", now have more time to take appropriate action. Their options include: increasing the length of the barrel, exporting the firearm, de-activating the firearm, selling or donating it to a museum or turning it in to authorities.

Non-"grandfathered" individuals, who purchased these handguns after February 14, 1995, were told at the time of registration that they could not retain the firearms once the prohibition came into effect.

The amnesty also provides an additional six months for individuals in possession of unregistered restricted firearms to have them registered without fear of repercussion. The same applies to businesses newly regulated under the Firearms Act. During the amnesty period, individuals may register the firearm; or, turn in the firearm to a police officer or firearms officer for destruction or disposal.

The Firearms Act requires every firearm owner in Canada to have a licence by January 1, 2001 or a valid Firearms Acquisition Certificate.

"I would remind those in possession of firearms that they only have until the end of this year to submit a firearms licence application," said Minister McLellan.

There are legal options for those who decide not to get a licence. They can sell their firearms to licensed businesses or individuals, have the firearm deactivated to standard, or contact local police and arrange for them to dispose of the firearm. As of January 1, 2001, it will no longer be legal to have a firearm without a licence.

Firearm licence applications are available at local post offices, by calling 1 800-731-4000, at Service Canada Centres and at www.cfc.gc.ca.

New gun import rules in effect

Anne McLellan, Minister of Justice and Attorney General for Canada recently announced the coming into force of new requirements for visitors bringing firearms into Canada.

The Firearms Act requires every firearm owner in Canada to have a licence or valid Firearms Acquisition Certificate by January 1, 2001.

"These requirements will ensure that visitors coming to Canada are under the same obligations as Canadian residents regarding firearms," said McLellan.

As of January 1, 2001, visitors who do not have a Canadian firearms licence will need to report their firearms to customs at the border, complete a non-resident firearms declaration form in triplicate, have it confirmed by a customs officer and pay a \$50 (Canadian) fee.

Once confirmed, this declaration form will act as a temporary licence and registration certificate while in Canada and is valid for 60 days. Visitors may renew their temporary licence any time during a 12-month period without paying an additional fee. Unlicensed non-residents who plan to borrow a firearm in Canada must obtain a Temporary Borrowing Licence.

Visitors will be able to purchase ammunition with Canadian firearms licence, a confirmed firearms declaration form or a Temporary Borrowing Licence.

Copies of the non-resident Firearms Declaration

Form are available by calling 1-800-731-4000, or at the border, or at www.cfc.gc.ca under "visitors". The Temporary Firearms Borrower's licence (non-residents) forms are available by calling 1-800-731-4000 or at www.cfc.gc.ca under "visitors". The Borrower's form must be completed before arrival into Canada and the cost of the licence is \$30 (Canadian).

Firearm owners visiting Canada will be subject to the same safe storage and transportation regulations as Canadian firearm owners. They are prevented from bringing in firearms that are prohibited in Canada and restricted firearms will require an Authorization to Transport before they arrive at the border.

"These public safety measures apply to all Canadians and to visitors. We will continue to work closely with members of the firearms community to ensure that the law is applied fairly and with as little disruption to visitors and outfitters as possible," said McLellan.

While the licensing provisions and new requirements are coming into effect on January 1, 2001, certain sections of the regulations governing public agents and the import/export requirements are being deferred until Jan. 1, 2003.

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OFAH says Canada is creating thousands of criminals

With the ushering in of the year 2001, hundreds of thousands of Canadians, many of them youths, will likely become criminals under current firearms legislation. The crime is possession of an air gun without a firearms licence, and it is punishable by up to five years in prison as well as lesser sentences ranging from confiscation of property to fines and prohibition of firearms ownership.

Most people now know about the owner licensing requirements for hunting rifles and shotguns, but the firearms in question are air guns that have been sold over the counter to Canadians for decades.

"It's really quite disturbing to think that many youngsters thrilled to find their first pellet gun under the Christmas tree, will soon be told they have to give up their gifts because of an extremely bad law,"

said Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters' Executive Vice-President Rick Morgan. Despite warnings from concerned groups like the OFAH, the government drafted legislation that defined firearms as barrelled weapons that discharge projectiles at more than 152.4 metres per second (500 feet per second). Most air guns used for target shooting, training and recreational plinking have, appropriately, been excluded from the highly controversial firearms laws - until now.

Recent RCMP testing of a new, light-weight pellet has shown many of the hundreds of thousands of pellet guns now owned by individuals can discharge the tiny projectiles at speeds exceeding 500 feet per second, and, according to the Criminal Code, these air guns must now be considered firearms requiring

possession licences and registration certificates.

The OFAH has repeatedly asked the Federal Justice Department and the Canadian Firearms Centre to address these concerns. Most recently, letters were sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, Minister of Justice and Canadian Firearms Centre.

Pack of dogs causing havoc in Burnt River area

City of Kawartha Lakes OPP are cautioning Burnt River area residents to be on the lookout for a pack of wild dogs that is believed to be responsible for killing livestock in the area.

The OPP received a report of approximately 30 chickens killed on December 17 at 10:30 a.m. The investigation revealed that the complainant believes a pack of wild dogs may have been the culprits. The dogs may be in the Burnt River area causing other problems to livestock. Farmers and pet owners are being warned to watch for these animals in the event of other instances.

2001 Fishing summary is on-line

2001 Ontario Fishing Summary Available On-line Ontario's Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary for the year 2001 is now available on-line. Anglers wanting information about regulation changes for the upcoming fishing season can visit the Ministry of Natural Resources web site at: www.mnr.gov.on.ca/MNR/pubs/pubmenu.html.

"This is the third year we've been on-line with the goal of making it easier for anglers to find the information they need," said Natural Resources Minister John Snobelen. "The guide itself features new, full-colour pictures of Ontario's prime sport fish to make fish identification much easier."

There are a number of regulation changes that affect several parts of Ontario effective January 1, 2001.

Some of these changes affect anglers who ice fish.

It is the responsibility of anglers to be aware of regulation changes where they fish. These changes are highlighted in red in the Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary.

Regulation changes have been made to ensure the long-term sustainability of Ontario's fishery, increase angling opportunities, and streamline regulations. For example, changes have been made to minimum size limits for muskellunge across most of Ontario. Anglers can also refer to copies of the fishing summary by visiting MNR district offices or licence issuing locations. Copies of the summary were available beginning December 29, 2000.

Ontario residents are reminded they must have a valid Outdoors Card and 2001 fishing licence before they may fish. Non-residents must have a valid 2001 fishing licence before they fish in Ontario waters.

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If you release the fish, nothing has to be done (DO NOT remove the tag).

If you keep the fish, please record the following information;

Date

Location

Tag # (this is the most important piece of information)

Total Length (by squeezing the two lobes of the tail fin together)

Please send the information to:

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Minden Area Office

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Attn: David Flowers

or call: 286-1521

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The information collected will provide excellent data on walleye growth rates and movement patterns and will allow the M.N.R. to better manage the Walleye fishery in the Kashagawigamog chain.

What the Tag looks like



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In Miskwabi Lake the 'PIT-tag' was inserted in the cheek area. In Halls Lake the

'PIT-tag' was inserted either in the cheek or between the front fins.

If you catch a tagged lake trout on either of these lakes here is what you should do:

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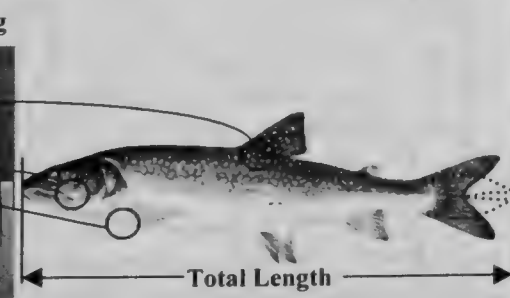
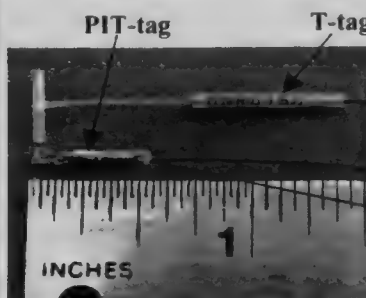
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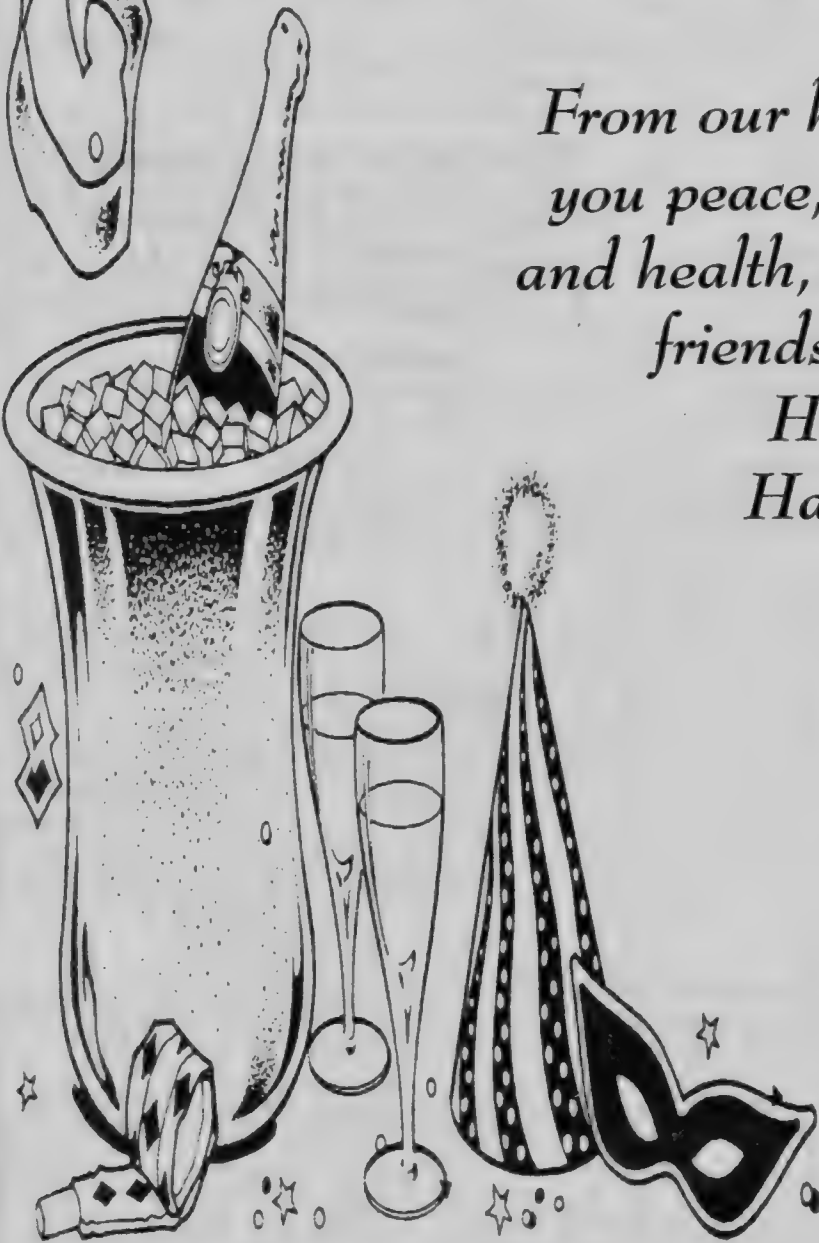
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Christmas season is special for seniors too

Greetings one and all from the Roving Reporters of Hyland Crest. Once again, Christmas has come and gone and everyone is looking forward to a happy and healthy New Year. We have a bit of catching up to do and for a change it is a beautiful day today.

Our thoughts are with Bernice with the passing of her husband Joe McCann; we send our sincere sympathy.

We have been busy, busy, busy this past two weeks with many Christmas activities and we have many wonderful people to thank.

On the 14th we enjoyed our Tea Party, hosted by the Minden Bible Church, with lovely Christmas carols and lots of delicious goodies. Thank you so much for a wonderful afternoon.

The Pickards entertained us on Friday with great gusto and great music.

Reverend Burgess made his usual rounds on Sunday, providing each one of us with a one to one visit and prayer, which we always look forward to. Pastor Dan, once again, was in on the 17th. He still manages to find time in his busy schedule for us and we thank him for caring.

Our Christmas light tour was very nice, with many beautiful houses and their array of lights and decorations and, as usual, John and Linda Pentney were the perfect hosts, providing us with refreshments. Our thanks to them for their generosity and kind hearts.

Thelda entertained us on Monday with wonderful music and piano playing.

Tuesday morning we had Christmas Communion with Reverend Everall. We really enjoyed the service as well as the songs sung by the choir. Our thanks to them.

Tuesday afternoon there were some busy beavers in the activity room making Christmas wreaths out of cookies, chocolate and candy canes, the residents had a lot of fun and gooey fingers. What a neat idea.

A Joyful Noise was here in the evening and provided us with wonderful hymns and Christmas carols and we thank them for coming. We always look forward to their visit.

Wednesday, December 20 was the big day for the residents on the lower floor. Audrey Sedley and her husband wonderfully entertained us with many songs and even dedicated a song to Sid Roberts, who belonged to the fire department. Then good old St. Nick showed up with two little elves and gave gifts to everyone. A festive time was had by all with eggnog, punch and tons of goodies prepared by the dietary department. Thank you everyone who made this possible.

Thursday our Tea Party was hosted by the Minden

Health Care Auxiliary, they provided a delightful array of goodies and the Allsaw Pentecostal group was there to share their beautiful music and voices with us.

On Friday, December 22nd we had our Christmas party on the upper level with the Grandfathers to entertain us. Once again, St. Nick showed up with his elves to pass out gifts for everyone. What a jolly time.

On Christmas Eve we had yet another visit, this time it was Mr. and Mrs. Claus visiting us and passing out candies, what a delightful surprise. Christmas Day many family members came in to have dinner

with their loved ones. Reverend Burgess had dinner with Lilian Harrison; Nellie Ranson had dinner with her daughter in law Marilyn with Vera Stevens as their guest. Vera would like to

take this opportunity to thank them for their kindness in sharing this special day with her. Roy Nichols would like to thank his friends who invited him to dinner and for sharing their day with him and he also wants to take this opportunity to thank the Minden Times on behalf of the residents for the lovely flowers.

Also on behalf of all the residents we would like to thank the dietary staff for a delicious Christmas dinner of turkey with all the trimmings and plumb pudding with sauce. What a spread!

Today is our Birthday Tea and we will be celebrating all the birthdays in December, a Happy Birthday to everyone.

We want to welcome our newest residents to the home, Ruth Fiddler, Tom Cox, Violet Graham and Rene McGoldrick. We hope you enjoy your new home.

Our next big event is our New Year's Party and there are rumours that a New Year's baby is going to be there but that is all we know, will have to fill you in next week.

Once again, we the residents, would like to thank the dietary staff for the wonderful Christmas dinner and for preparing our goodies for the two Christmas

parties, we appreciate your hard work and effort. Also, thanks to the nursing staff for your patience and understanding and the care you provide for us and to all the volunteers and family members who help make our lives a bit brighter and for giving of your time.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Dorie McAllister and Dottie Muirhead and we hope you will soon be well enough to return.

The activity staff would like to thank all those who donated money, time and goodies to make this Christmas season a wonderful time of year.

Hope everyone has a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Senior League by the Roving Reporters

OPP report

(from page 12)

cab short box pick-up. The cab of the vehicle had been entered through the rear-sliding window. The ignition was removed and left inside the vehicle.

Some tire tracks were located behind the pick-up truck.

Motor vehicle collisions (December 22-29)

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As your MPP, I would like to take the opportunity to update you on our government's progress this fall. We have met the objectives we set for this session in the Legislature — more jobs, lower taxes, accessible and affordable public health care, continuing investment in quality education, fewer people on welfare, and safer streets. In short, we are keeping our promises.

Today, Ontario is once again leading the nation in producing jobs and prosperity. Between September 1995, and August 2000, more than 725,000 jobs were created in Ontario. Since then, an additional 105,000 jobs have been created by the private sector, putting us on target to create 825,000 new jobs over the next five years.

We have seen the benefits of this growth in our community. For example, Victoria County has seen more than 295 new businesses come to the area since 1997 and they have experienced a net growth of more than 1,315 net new jobs in that same time period.

In May, we balanced the provincial budget for the second year in a row, and were able to give much-needed relief to the hardworking taxpayers of Ontario, by lowering personal income taxes and providing many with a taxpayer dividend cheque of up to \$200.

Since we took office, 568,742 Ontarians have left the province's welfare rolls. And, to help even more people escape that trap, we have been exploring ways to keep welfare recipients drug-free while they look for work.

Locally, we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of people leaving the welfare system. In Haliburton-Victoria-Brock, welfare caseloads have dropped by 58 per cent since June 1995. That means that over 6,800 people have escaped the welfare system in our community.

Our team continues to reform and improve our province's health care system, with programs like Tele-health, and increasing health care operating funding by \$4.4 billion. We also have introduced the Trillium Gift of Life Network Act, to make it easier for individuals to give a vital organ to a loved one, a neighbour, or a fellow Ontarian.

But the biggest accomplishment this year has been in local health care.

In June, I announced that the Ross Memorial Hospital would receive over \$21 million from the province for its expansion in Lindsay. I was pleased to be at the sod turning ceremony in September with my colleague Health Minister Elizabeth Witmer.

That same day, Haliburton Highlands Health Services celebrated the openings of their two renovated health facilities. After so much hard work and dedication by everyone involved, I was pleased to be there to celebrate this special day for our community.

It was quite an amazing day for me as I saw two projects that I have been involved with for many years become a reality. Health care was one of the main reasons I got into politics in the first place, and to see in one day, three great milestones come together, was quite an extraordinary experience.

Our government continues to invest in our local health care system. In October, I announced an increase in operating funding for Ross Memorial and

the Haliburton Highlands Health Services. Ross Memorial also received funding for orthopedic implant programs in December of this year.

The Mike Harris Team has also taken positive action in what is, perhaps, the most important matter of all — our children. Premier Harris announced the creation of Ontario's Promise — the Partnership for Children and Youth, to help us do more to give our

Queen's Park Report

by Chris Hodgson, MPP

children a better future.

To further promote creative partnerships for children, we announced the launch of the \$30 million Early Years Challenge, matching dollars raised by business and community groups in support of local early years and parenting programs throughout Ontario.

Throughout this session — and throughout this year — the principles of the Common Sense Revolution have guided every action this government has taken, because they have returned hope, growth and opportunity to this province.

Even after five-and-a-half years of fixing and reforming government — including a very productive fall session — there is still much more to do to keep Ontario strong.

In the coming session, we will continue to fight for responsible government, aggressive reform, fiscal responsibility and economic prosperity.

In short, the Common Sense Revolution continues.

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AT REST

McCRAW Leona "Dolly"

(Resident of Norland, Ontario)
At Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay on Friday, December 22, 2000 in her 72nd year. Beloved wife of John McCraw of Norland. Loving mother of Sharon (Mrs. David Kay) of Cobocok, Judy (Mrs. Glenn Pankhurst) of Houston, Tx., Tracy and her fiancé Mike Patterson of Woodville and John and his wife Karen Deal of Toronto. Dear sister of Velma Moore of Orillia and Audrey Adams of Uphill. Predeceased by son Harry, sisters Mildred, Myrtle and brothers Russell, Jim and Cliff. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Friends were invited to call at the Cobocok Community Funeral Home, Hwy #35, Cobocok, Ontario (705) 454-3913 on Wednesday, December 27, 2000 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Complete Funeral Service in the Chapel on Thursday morning, December 28th, 2000 at 11 o'clock. Spring interment Pinegrove Cemetery, Norland. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Norland Firefighters' Association or the Norland Ladies Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.

AT REST

HICKS Ida May

Entered into rest suddenly at her home in Lochlin on Thursday, December 21, 2000. May in her 89th year was the beloved wife of the late Orville Hicks. Dear mother of Ruth and her husband Murray Wruth. Dear grandmother of Dwain, Arlene and her husband Charlie MacLellan and their son Adam, Jim and his wife Dee and their son Jeremiah. Remembered by Bill and Joanne, Pat and Karen. Sister to Edna Esler, Orval Francis and his wife Bernice, Allan Francis and his wife Mae, Myrtle Walker, Ivan Francis and predeceased by Susan, Jack, Charlie, Ted and Carl. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden on Saturday, December 23rd, 2000 from 12:30 p.m. until the time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 2 p.m. Reception followed in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Spring Interment at Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation or to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

AT REST

LOUCKS Milton Hazen

Passed away suddenly at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Thursday, December 21, 2000 in his 89th year. Beloved husband of Edna May Pearl (Duncan). Loving father of Rendal and his wife Elaine of Minden, Rhonda and her husband John Francis of Gelert. Dear grandfather of Grant, Darlene and Steve, Glenda and her husband Stan, Valerie, Ted and his wife Ingun, Darnell and his wife Penny and great grandfather of Casey, Elizabeth, Priscilla, Brianna, Shawn, Jocelyn, Zachary, Victoria, Courtney, Candice, Dakotah, Hunter, Ashley, Shawn and Tory. Predeceased by his brother Lorne. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main Street, Minden KOM 2K0 on Sunday, December 24th, 2000 from 1 p.m. until the time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 2:30 p.m. Reception followed in the family centre. Spring Interment at Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (H.H.H.S.F.) would be appreciated by the family.

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HEINZE Robert

(Resident of Haliburton Lake, Ontario)

At Lakeridge Health, Oshawa on Monday, December 25, 2000 in his 59th year. Beloved husband of Robin Anthony. Loving son of Phyllis and the late Harold Heinze. Cherished father of Sheryl and her husband Wayne Scott and Susan and her husband Paul Griffiths, all of Ajax. Fondly remembered by his grandson and good buddy, Alan Griffiths. Friends called at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home, Hwy #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Friday afternoon, December 29, 2000 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Saturday morning, December 30, 2000 at 11 o'clock. Private interment later Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Scarborough. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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